P&G Case 8341

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

Gregory Paul Dittmar, et al

Confirmation No. 2834

Serial No. 09/996,555

Group Art Unit 1614

Filed November 15, 2001

Examiner Blessing M. Fubara

For Pharmaceutical Dosage Form With Multiple Coatings For Reduced Impact Of Coating

Fractures

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 CFR 1.191(a) to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner dated (Paper No.) finally rejecting Claims. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 (37 CFR 1.17(b)).

Filing this Notice of Appeal constitutes the filing of a timely response to the Final Rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to permit filing this Notice of Appeal. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: for a 3-month extension of time \$950.00.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gumble Company. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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